

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

THROUGH: Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Property Survey Report #00703

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1. At a meeting held on 10 November 1955, the Headquarters Board of Survey considered subject report which was forwarded by the Division, [redacted] in November 1954. This survey report which was inadvertently filed away when received, concerns the loss by fire of a generator, pressure tank, electric pump, and wooden shed housing the tank and pump located at the [redacted] premises known as the [redacted] total value \$2,200.00.

2. The Chief of the [redacted] presently doubling as manager of the [redacted] installation, indicates that the generator had been an excess older model received several years before, without cost, from FBID. It was installed under the direction of the resident manager at that time, who resigned several months before the loss occurred. The exhaust pipe was enclosed in asbestos sheeting and in the opinion of persons on the premises, the generator was fireproof. However, it is noted that at the time of installation or subsequent thereto, professional assistance or approval was not obtained.

3. The generator was only operated and logged weekly, varying ten minutes to one hour to insure its generating condition. On 15 October 1954, the electric power in the vicinity was cut off as a result of [redacted]. Since the power company stated it would be several days before power could be supplied, the generator was put into operation. The resident manager, who has since resigned to teach school, his wife, and an alien with wife and three children required heat and other necessary facilities. Detection of smoke at the time led to turning off the generator and saturating the area. The manager believed, after a second test, that it was out. On 17 October 1954 the shed was found to be ablaze and extinguished by the local fire department. Examination showed that the generator, pressure tank, electric pump and shed were totally demolished.

4. The personnel on the premises have salvaged much of the material and rebuilt some of the equipment at a very low cost. A new generator has been received from FBID and properly installed, which is a better model and is in perfect shape. A cinder block building has been constructed through arrangements with our Real Estate and Construction Division. In summary, the [redacted] has conscientiously taken precaution against recurrence. There is no evidence to indicate gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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5. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board to recommend approval of this survey report as submitted and that all concerned be relieved of accountability and responsibility. In accordance with the attached report of survey is forwarded to the Deputy Director (Support) through the Director of Logistics.

Chairman
Headquarters Board of Survey

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Subject Report

CONCURRENCES:

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Office of the General Counsel

21 Dec 1955
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Office of the Comptroller

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Office of Security

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Director of Logistics

23 Dec 1955
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**Recommendation in Paragraph 5
is Approved or Disapproved:**

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